



MEDIA RELEASE

Updated: Attempt Murder Arrest

SANTA BARBARA, CA – March 18, 2013

Correction: The victim in this incident is not the longtime girlfriend of the suspect's uncle, as previously stated in the original media release. Rather, she had accompanied another person that had been invited to the dinner gathering.

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Sam Wellington Maphis V, age 20, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for attempt murder and terrorist threats.

On March 16, 2013, at 8:33 p.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to a call of an assault with a deadly weapon at a residence on the 1200 block of Crestline Drive. Upon arrival they contacted a 60-year old female victim suffering from an approximately twelve-centimeter long incision to her neck. The victim was transported by paramedics to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for medical treatment. She is expected to recover from her injury. She is a resident of unincorporated Santa Barbara.

Investigation revealed the following. The victim is the longtime girlfriend of suspect Maphis's uncle. All were together with others for a dinner gathering at the residence on Crestline Drive, where Maphis lives. At the time of the incident Maphis approached the victim from behind as she was seated at the dinner table and without provocation cut her throat with a knife. When confronted about what he had just done Maphis pointed the knife at his uncle and uttered a threat to him. Maphis then fled the scene on foot.

Maphis was contacted by cell phone and found to be inside Elings Park. A perimeter was established around the park with Santa Barbara Police Department and Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office personnel. At 10:15 p.m. Maphis surrendered without incident to officers at the Las Positas entrance to the park.

Investigation indicates that mental illness may be a factor in this case. Maphis was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for attempt murder and terrorist threats with a bail amount of \$2,500,000.00.



Maphis V, Sam Wellington

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